REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted for entry in the above-identified patent application. In the Preliminary Amendment, claims 18, 33, 57, 58, 61-63, 67, 77, 79, 82-83 have been cancelled. Claims 1-3, 10, 19, 24-26, 30, 34, 47, 52, 55-56, 59, 64, 69, 75, 80-81 are amended. Of the remaining claims, claims 1, 25, 47, 52, 64, 69 and 75 are independent and dependent claims include 2-17, 19-24, 26-32, 34-46, 48-51, 53-56, 59-60, 65-66, 68, 70-74, 76, 78, 80-81.

It is believed no fees are due with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment; however, if the Examiner finds that any fees are due, he is hereby authorized to charge deposit account no. 04-1415 in the amount of those fees.

If the Examiner should have any questions or concerns, please call the undersigned attorney at (303) 629-3427.

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